

EDITORS' REPORT FOR VOLUME 59

We are pleased to report the publication of Volume 59 of *Madroño* by the California Botanical Society (CBS) in 2012. This year we were successful in bringing the publication of *Madroño* back on schedule and we appreciate the efforts of our reviewers and contributors in this effort. The average turn-around time between initial submission and publication has been reduced to less than eight months and we hope that *Madroño* continues to be viewed as the best outlet for western botanists to publish their work in a timely fashion, and reach an interested and relevant audience. The *Madroño* page on the CBS web site has instructions for online submission of new manuscripts, digital versions of recent issues through BioOne, and the eighty-year index.

The efforts of numerous individuals are critical to the continued quality and timeliness of the journal. Among these, our Noteworthy Collections editor, Dieter Wilken; Steve Timbrook who has long provided the volume Index and Table of Contents; Annielaurie Seifert at Allen Press; and the enthusiastic support of the CBS executive council. Finally, we are extremely grateful to our contributors for their interesting and insightful manuscripts, and our reviewers who take time from their busy schedules to assess the quality of submitted work.

This year we received 31 new manuscripts and 26 were accepted for publication. Several manuscripts were also carried over from the previous year. The 59th volume includes 11 Articles (including Notes), six New Species, four Noteworthy Collections, two Book Reviews, and two Points of View. We are also excited to present in this volume the special issue *Flora of the Carquinez Strait Region, Contra Costa and Solano Counties, California* by Dean G. Kelch and Andrew Murdock. This beautifully done flora will be useful for western botanists in the San

Francisco Bay Area and beyond. We appreciate the submission of a variety of different manuscripts across the spectrum of botanical sciences and anticipate continued submissions of novel and exciting work. We also hope to see the Points of View become a regular feature presenting insightful discussion of issues pertinent to botanists, managers, and policy makers.

The coming year will be a once in a century event as the CBS celebrates our centennial year. The CBS is hosting the Centennial Symposium "Botanical Frontiers: Past and Future", at the University of California, Berkeley in April 2013. Please visit the CBS website (calbotsoc.org) for details about upcoming centennial celebration events including field trips to Mount Tamalpais and Mount Diablo, a symposium, banquet, and graduate student meeting. We are hoping that issues 3 and 4 of the upcoming volume will feature papers generated from presentation given at the Centennial Symposium.

We also look forward to the second issue of the 60th volume—a special issue on tanoak (*Notholithocarpus densiflorus*). This issue will feature papers by a community of researchers studying the distribution, genetics, utilization and natural history of tanoak. The issue will be a synthesis of work presented during a session at the 5th Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium in June 2012 called "What are we trying to save? Tanoak history, values and ecology".

As Editors, we have enjoyed our interactions with contributors and reviewers this past year, and we look forward to an exciting, productive, and momentous centennial year for western botany.

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